PUBLIC NOTICE

Wyoming Department of Health Client Copayment/Cost Sharing

Public notice is hereby given that effective October 1, 2011, the Wyoming Department of Health intends to make the following changes to the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan for the compliance of Medicaid Copayment/Cost Sharing.

Upon CMS approval, the proposed changes will update Attachment 4.18A, Client Copayment, based on the average payment for these services and in accordance with 42CFR 447.53, 447.54, 447.55. Copayments will now be updated annually on October 1st and are calculated based on the change in the medical care component of the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U). The Deficit Act of 2005 allows states to apply separate cost sharing rules to prescription drugs and may vary the cost sharing amounts based on whether the drug is considered a "preferred" or "non-preferred" drug and on the income level of the client.

Cost sharing will be excluded for items and services furnished directly by the Indian Health Services, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization or through referral under a purchase order under contract health services as (as described in 42CFR part 136, subpart C) to an American Indian or Alaskan Native, who is enrolled in a Federally recognized tribe or otherwise meets the definition of "Indian" at Section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1068).

Exemptions for cost sharing also apply to: recipients under the age of 21, pregnant women, institutionalized individuals; emergency services; family planning services and supplies and individuals who receive hospice care (as defined in section 1905(o) of the Act).

The federal fiscal impact associated with this amendment is estimated to be a savings of \$29,706 through the Client Copayment/Cost Sharing.

Copies of the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan will be available at the Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing. To obtain a copy of the State Plan Amendment, contact:

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